

18th October 1927]

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know if the hon. Minister is not aware that the vernaculars of these children are different and, if that is so, whether he does not think it advisable to start separate schools even in elementary departments for people who want their education to be given in Urdu ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I will have that question enquired into.”

Composition of the Cochin Municipal Council.

* 541 Q.—**Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA** : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the composition of the Cochin Municipal Council is the same now as it was on 20th October 1926 when that body adopted two resolutions to take civil and criminal proceedings against Mr. Jacob, the ex-chairman of the municipality ?

A.—No. A statement showing the composition of the council on 30th September 1926 and on 30th June 1927 is laid on the table ^a.

The exact composition on 20th October 1926 and at the time the question was framed is not known.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister whether he is aware that the new Council contains 40 per cent new members ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I am not aware of that.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ May I know whether these new members who come up to 40 per cent of the new Council are all poor people ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I cannot say that.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Is it the intention of the Government to penalise these poor councillors for the sins of their predecessors in office ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I do not quite understand the import of this question.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Sir, rich people spend large sums of money in election propaganda and come in easily elected. Government nominees are the favourites of the Government and they come in without any expenditure. It is the representatives of the poor people who are unable to spend money in these matters that are hit by the action of the Government in dissolving the Council.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member is requested to put a supplementary question.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Sir, I give this information for the benefit of the hon. Minister who is ignorant of the facts in this case.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member may take another opportunity to do so.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ I want to know whether it is the intention of the Government to penalise these poor municipal councillors by dissolving the Council ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ It is not the intention of the Government.”

^a Vide Appendix VIII on page 143 infra.